

duty on refrigerated vans was reduced from 20% to 10%. In the budget 2006-07 the Government has waived excise duty on condensed milk, ice cream, preparations of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast. Excise duty on ready to eat packaged foods and instant food mixes, like dosa and idli mixes have been reduced from 16% to 8%. Excise duty on aerated drinks has been reduced from 24% to 16%. NABARD is to create a refinancing window with a corpus of Rupees one thousand crore for agro processing infrastructure and market development. The Government has also enacted The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 which has been passed by the Parliament on 02.08.2006 and published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, part-II Section 1, dated 24th August, 2006 as Act No. 34 of 2006. The objective of the Act is to bring about a single statute relating to food and establish Food Safety and Standards Authority.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid to all implementing agencies @ 25% subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas including Uttaranchal of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works. So far, 20 food processing units in the State of Uttaranchal have been approved for assistance during the 10th Plan period. An amount of Rs. 322.44 lakhs to such units have been released during the above period in the State under the Scheme. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture, in difficult and high horticultural potential areas including Uttaranchal, assistance at still higher rates (@50% upto Rs. 4 crore) is available for processing of horticultural produce. Seven units in the State of Uttaranchal have been provided assistance during the 10th Plan period with a total approved assistance of Rs. 655.265 lakhs. A New scheme of National Project on Organic Farming has been taken up from October, 2004 for production, promotion and market development of organic farming in the country on a pilot basis. Uttaranchal is one of the important States under the Scheme.

Setting up of food processing industries

403. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries in the country, particularly in Assam set up during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of such industries which have been provided financial aid/ subsidy during this period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid to all implementing agencies @25% subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works. The statement indicating details of the project proposals for which financial assistance has been approved State-wise including Assam under the scheme for establishment/technology upgradation/modernization of Food Processing Industries by the Ministry during last three years is at Statement-I (*See below*). The details on financial assistance provided, State-wise including Assam, to food processing units during the last three years 2003-04 to 2005-06 is given at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of project proposals approval under the scheme for technology upgradation, establishment, modernization of FPIs during 2003-04 to 2005-06

State	Approved FP projects
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	65
Assam	20
Bihar	2
Chhattisgarh	5
Delhi	3
Goa	3

1	2
Gujarat	24
Haryana	16
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	8
Jharkhand	4
Karnataka	34
Kerala	30
Madhya Pradesh	16
Maharashtra	86
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	2
Nagaland	2
Orissa	5
Pondicherry	3
Punjab	50
Rajasthan	15
Tamil Nadu	52
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	53
Uttaranchal	12
West Bengal	27

Statement-II

Details of financial assistance provided to the food processing units during last three years

(Rs. in Lakh)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	465.57	797.67	689.80
Assam	257.79	245.76	67.18
Bihar	-	25.32	64.22

1	2	3	4
Chhattisgarh	-	32.61	98.25
Delhi	-	2.50	36.77
Goa	17.00	25.00	47.58
Gujarat	165.85	262.15	370.05
Haryana	185.94	183.34	167.04
Himachal Pradesh	99.18	85.51	154.48
Jammu & Kashmir	108.78	74.78	63.67
Jharkhand	-	-	48.28
Karnataka	151.49	425.32	419.73
Kerala	192.53	152.86	436.39
Madhya Pradesh	88.93	45.62	239.95
Maharashtra	529.03	778.67	1,251.94
Manipur	108.41	-	11.77
Meghalaya	-	12.14	13.26
Mizoram	110.50	12.30	-
Nagaland	40.75	-	-
Orissa	-	63.31	22.23
Pondichery	-	24.54	14.67
Punjab	163.00	538.23	497.67
Rajasthan	86.00	35.83	117.39
Tamil Nadu	274.03	310.60	699.68
Tripura	33.07	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	263.19	591.76	845.14
Uttaranchal	5.37	87.88	162.71
West Bengal	132.96	325.74	400.14